[Mr. C. Ramaswami Nadar.]

(*b*) whether a channel leading from the above said Survey number to the Uppattu water course has been constructed with cement pipes;

(*c*) the period for which it has been in use, the amount spent over it and whether the expenses were met out of public contributions;

(*d*) whether additional tracts of lands have been improved as a result of the construction of this water course; and

(*e*) the condition of the crops in the above said lands ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes. The investigation regarding the possibility of constructing a cross bar with the pipe line laid was conducted and the necessary estimate has been called for.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No information.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Fairly good.

Registry Offices in Travancore and Documents registered.

54. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of Registry Offices in Travancore (excluding temporary offices recently sanctioned); and

(*b*) the total number of documents registered in each such office till the end of Meenam 1118?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Director of Registration*): (*a*) 90.

(*b*) A *statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): In view of the fact that the number of documents registered in the Sub-Registry Offices at Devicolam, Monkompu and Peermade is very very low, will the Government be pleased to state whether they will abolish those offices ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: No, Sir. In the taluks of Devicolam and Peermade, those are the only two offices; and if those offices are abolished, people will have to go to Kottayam or Muvattupuzha, which will be very inconvenient.

MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why an office at Monkompu was established ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: It was established because of the difficulties of communication in the region. That difficulty continues still and therefore that office cannot be abolished.

Irrigational tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

55 *MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of irrigational tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk;

*Vide Appendix 160.

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(*b*) the number of these tanks already improved ; and

(*c*) the number of tanks improved for which irrigation cess is being realised ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*a*) 758.

(*b*) 161.

(*c*) Nil.

MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR : May I know why the tanks in clause (c) have not been improved till now ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Every year we are taking about 25 to 30 tanks. There is provision for improving some number of tanks in the next year's budget.

Eravankara Ryots' Road.

56 * **MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kun-nattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Eravankara Ryots Road in the Mavelikara taluk is maintained by the P. W. D. ; and

(*b*) if not, the reason for not doing so ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (*a*) No.

(*b*) The ryots have not completed their portion of the work and made the road fit to be taken over for maintenance.

Raising the Tiruvalla-Mannar Road.

57 * **MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the repeated representations made on the floor of this House re: the necessity of raising the road at Kannankuzhi (Tiruvalla-Mannar Road) which is below flood-level ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO The matter has been investigated and a design for a culvert with sufficient ventway to facilitate irrigation purposes has been prepared. The work has provision in the budget for 1119.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : In view of the words "repeated representations made on the floor of this House", may I ask whether the Chief Engineer will see that the work is completed in 1119 ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : We will try.

Shifting of toddy shop No. 44, Pattanamtitta taluk.

58. * **MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, was taken with regard to the Shifting of toddy shop No. 44, Pattanamtitta taluk, from the vicinity of the Sanskrit School at Kidangannur ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The possibility of finding out a suitable site is being enquired into.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I take it that the School and the shop are within the prohibited distance ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : Yes, Sir. It is within two furlongs.

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